

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as follows:

I. Please insert the following paragraph before the first line of the Specification:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a U.S. National Stage Application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/03127, filed April 7, 2000, which claims priority to German Patent Application No. 199 18 829.7, filed April 22, 1999. Each of these applications is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth in its entirety.